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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action mailed April 21, 2004.

A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 9 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 11 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this Amendment, and replacement sheets containing Figures 1, 4, 5, 8 and 11, as well as marked Figures 1, 4, 5, 8 and 11 are attached.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this Amendment.

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